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“If You Can’t Beat’em, You Eat’em !” A Market Solution to the Asian Carp Problem ?



While state governments throughout the Great Lakes region continue to seek federal court and/or legislative solutions to the seemingly imminent asian carp invasion, resourceful commercial fisherman in Illinois have recently signed lucrative contracts

with China to export thirty million pounds of the pesky (though tasty) filter feeding fish in the next year. The agreement with Chinese importers promises to generate \$20 million in revenue for commercial fishing operators.

The Bighead and Silver asian carp species are prized in China and throughout Asia. China’s domestic fishery is unable to meet the high demand due to severely impaired riverine aquatic ecosystems that produce low quality fish not suitable for the marketplace or consumption.

While fisheries scientists are convinced that the newly found export market for asian carp will help diminish overall populations of the two species, they do not believe that commercial exploitation will provide a viable long term solution to the considerable threat posed by the fish.

No Riparian Rights for Man-Made Lake Residents Mi Court of Appeals Decision Impacts Riparians

A recent decision by the Michigan Court of Appeals may have profoundly negative consequences for the thousands of Michigan citizens living on man-made lakes. Barring a successful appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court (no appeal in this case is yet pending), the court’s decision has called into question whether residents of Michigan’s man-made lakes are guaranteed access to the water, the right to build a dock and moor a boat, consumption of the water or any of the other rights that have been previously defined by Michigan law.

According the Cliff Bloom, Michigan Lake and Stream Associations chief legal counsel, “the decision by the Court of Appeals leaves a vacuum with regard to lake-front property owner rights on artificial lakes.” Bloom is also concerned that the court’s decision has raised more legal questions than it has answered.

For more information regarding the implications of this case, visit the ML&SA web site’s “An Attorney Writes” section at www.mlswa.org/Legal/legal.htm

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50th Annual Conference

April 15 & 16, 2011

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Boyne Falls, Michigan



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**Taking Charge:
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Friday, October 1st, 2010

**RAM Center
Higgins Lake, MI**

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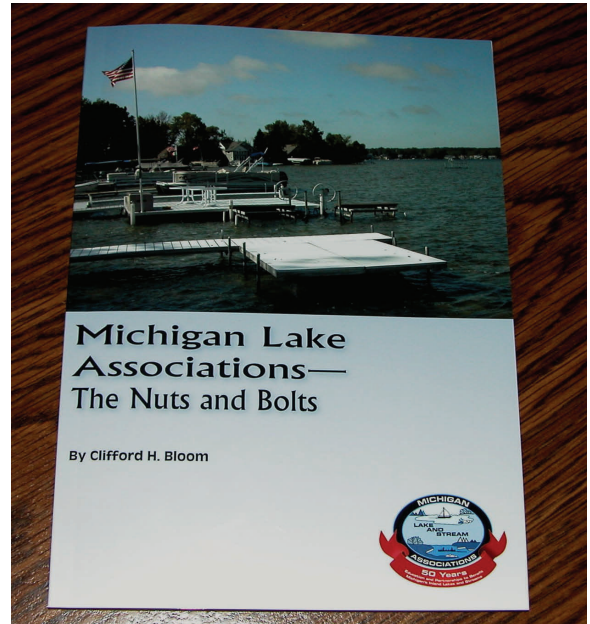
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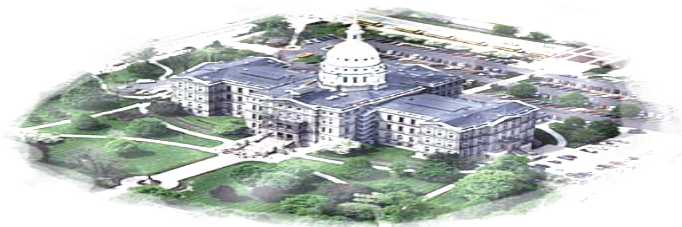
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Recommended Web Site of the Month



This month's suggested website is presented by way of a collaborative partnership between the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the University of Texas at Arlington

and is dedicated to teaching recreational boaters how to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. This colorful site also offers the opportunity to take an on-line course in preventing aquatic invasive species, those who complete the brief course are presented with a Certificate of Completion. This site also hosts excellent photos and illustrations related to the identification and prevention of aquatic invasive species. Have a look at:

www.100thmeridian.org